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FORT ST.

## German Situation

### Joint Sitting of Diet to Hear Message From the Throne.

## The Resignation of the Minister of Finance Has Been Accepted.

### National Zeitung Says Government Will Adhere to the Canal Bill.

## Invited to Buffalo

### Lord Minto Unable to Say When He Will Visit the Exposition.

## Kettle River Bill Was Before Railway Committee for Short Time To-Day.

## DEEP HOUSE ON FIRE.

Narrow Escape of Large Number of Firemen Who Were Fighting the Flames.

## THE SUGAR TAX.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Says It Will Not Be Withdrawn.

## THE FISHERIES BILL.

Many of Those Interested in Industry Opposed to Proposed Change.

## HOUE'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES

MANUFACTURED BY B. HOUE & CO., QUEBEC

Are Better Than the Best.

## Sufferings Of Chinese

### The People of the Province of Shan Si Are Famine Stricken.

## Unless Prompt Assistance Is Given, Thousands of Natives Must Perish

### Minister Conger Contributes to Fund-The French Indemnity Claim.

## MINERS' MEETING.

The Men Are By No Means Unanimous on Strike Question.

## FERRY BOAT DISASTER.

Nearly a Hundred Mothers and Their Babies Drowned by Capsizing of the Craft.

## Des Moines, Ia., May 3.—

Minister Conger received a message from a New York paper asking his co-operation in giving relief to starving millions of Northern China. His telegram in reply was:

## Chicago, May 3.—

Armour & Company's beef house, one of the largest buildings at the stock yards, caught fire at 6:30 o'clock to-day and was damaged by flames and water to the value of \$100,000. On the fourth floor were 16,000 head of cattle, which were rescued with great difficulty. It is a five-story brick building, and extends nearly a block.

## London, May 3.—

Replying to a deputation from the workmen and Sugar Tax Association to-day, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, declined to consider the withdrawal of the sugar tax. He said it was the most important part of the present budget, and he did not believe that workingmen, who had approved of the war in South Africa, objected to paying something towards the cost.

## New York, May 3.—

The Herald says: "There is a pending whiskey famine, wholesale liquor dealers say. One large distillery and warehouse company in this city has practically cornered the market. From two and a half to 30 cents has already been added to the former price of whiskey by the gallon. The wholesalers declare that the prices will go higher, because the combined whiskey interests have control of all brands."



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Export Coal Tax

Chancellor of Exchequer Says He Proposed It For Merely One Year.

Sir William Harcourt's Arrangement of Government - Calls It Class Legislation.

London, May 2.—The full House and galleries had to wait until nearly 6 o'clock for the beginning of the coal tax debate. Sir William Harcourt (Liberal) led with a severe, almost violent arraignment of the government. He said the tax would throw the coal trade into chaos and confusion. It recklessly disregarded existing contracts, and was a most unbusinesslike way of dealing with a great trade. It was an extraordinary and reckless piece of bungling. It was nonsense to say the foreigner would pay the tax because he could not do without coal. But the government of Italy had answered by taking coal from the United States instead of this country. The trade of France was equally divided by this country in Germany and Belgium.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, interrupting said: "We are beating them." "Then go on beating them," said Sir William Harcourt. "Why throw a shilling into the scale against this country?" Sir William contended that it was class legislation and that the tax would ultimately come out of the miners' wages. The Chancellor of the Exchequer admitted that the tax, like every tax, was an obstruction to trade. The real question was, could the export trade in coal bear the tax. It could, English coal was of a high quality; there was much of it, and it could not be got in any other country. Thus to a large extent, it was free from competition. The Chancellor admitted masses of statistics, which he has summarized as showing, 225,000,000 tons of coal mined in 1900, on which, after deducting 218,000,000 in wages more than in 1867, left the coal owners a net profit of £20,000,000, on a capital of £110,000,000. He had some difficulty in keeping his patience when deputations talked to him about the unprofitable condition of trade. He had proposed the tax for merely one year, and it would be on those who were able to bear it.

As to the competition of the United States, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said: "Last year the price of our coal at the port of export rose very much higher than the price of coal in the United States. But in spite of that, our export of coal was 38,000,000 tons, or 3,500,000 tons more than the previous year. The United States export was a little over 5,000,000. If the United States could not compete when the price of our coal was very high, it would be absolutely impossible for them to compete when the price of our coal was low. Mr. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, said that the coal tax did not affect Ireland, and in that respect it was the beginning of a new era. On general principles, however, he urged Irish members to do everything possible in their efforts to defeat the budget. The debate was adjourned to Monday next.

Expelled from Transvaal. Germany Has Demanded Five Million Pounds From Great Britain.

Berlin, May 1.—A representative of the government has informed the Reichstag committee on petitions that Germany had demanded £5,000,000 from Great Britain on account of certain Transvaal expulsions, and Great Britain had refused the demand on the ground that she did not wish to establish a precedent, but was investigating the whole subject. "The number of expelled persons," said a foreign office representative, when the matter came up to-day, "is 180, of whom sixty have already been indemnified. A part of the remainder have no right to claim indemnity, because they fought against England. The second claim, however, are being vigorously championed. Great Britain has appointed a committee to decide upon the claim, following Germany's suggestion. It is true that there is no German member of the committee, but the services of expert advisory counsel from Germany have been brought into requisition."

Canadian Prize Winners. Buffalo, N. Y., May 2.—The show of carnations opened in the horticulture building to-day, and will continue until the 8th. There are 2,000 plants shown by 200 exhibitors. Among the awards made to-day in the different classes were: First award, J. Gammage & Sons, London, Ont.; class 9—second award, J. Gammage & Sons, London, Ont.; class 2, John H. Dunlap, Toronto, Ont.; class 5, third award, J. Gammage & Sons, London, Ont.; class 4, John H. Dunlap, Toronto, class 7.

Ordered New Steamers. Copenhagen, May 2.—The United Steamship Co., of Copenhagen, has ordered six new steamers of 12,000 tons each for the United States trade.

CASE ADJOURNED.

Charge Against Patrick, Short and Meyers Will Be Heard To-morrow.

New York, May 2.—Albert T. Patrick, David H. Short and Morris Meyers under indictment for forgery of the will of the late millionaire Wm. M. Rice were arraigned to-day before Recorder Goff. Patrick was arraigned on the charge of murder in the first degree for causing the death of Rice. Robt. M. Moore, for the defendants, said he desired to enter a demurrer to the indictment for murder, and asked for time to prepare it. Recorder Goff adjourned the proceedings until to-day. No plea was entered.

STUDENTS AT EXPOSITION. Large Number Will Work at Buffalo Fair During the Summer.

New York, May 2.—Cornell men in large numbers will be seen at the Pan-American exposition this summer, says a Tribune special from Ithaca. They will push wheeled chairs for tired sight-seers, act as exposition policemen or on the waiting for the summer, or run soda fountains or clerk in stands of various sorts, or assist exhibitors. A representative of the exposition authorities has signed contracts with more than 200 students.

AGREEMENT REACHED. Between J. C. Gilchrist and Striking Marine Engineers.

Cleveland, O., May 2.—J. C. Gilchrist, credited with being the largest individual vessel owner on the lakes, to-day reached a settlement with the striking marine engineers. The fleet under Mr. Gilchrist's control consists of 46 steamers, besides a number of barges. It is understood that he granted the full wage scale presented by the engineers.

BEHIND WITH BUSINESS. New York, May 2.—A petition to the governors of the New York stock exchange was circulated amongst members of the board to-day to close the exchange on Saturday in order to enable members of the board to catch up with their business, owing to the great press of the recent very active market.

BRIEF DISPATCHES. The Imperial government has chartered the steamship Anglo-African, to take 750 horses from Montreal to England from the former port.

A dispatch to the London Daily Express from Vienna says that Pietro Mascagni, the Italian composer, has signed a contract for a tour of the United States. His trip will start October 15th, and take with him an orchestra of 30 members. His personal stipend will be £2,000 a week for eight weeks.

Three negroes were found dead yesterday near the cabin in which Deputy Sheriff Edwards was killed on Sunday night. One of the bodies, that of Henry Dawson, in whose house Edwards was killed, was found dead in the public road. The other two were shot in the cabin.

In consequence of the continued postponement by the Japanese minister of war, Hirobumi, of the cabinet meeting, the cabinet crisis reached a climax on Wednesday, and Marquis Ito, the Premier, after the cabinet meeting, proceeded to the palace and tendered his resignation to the Mikado. All the other ministers of the cabinet did likewise with the exception of the minister of war, Baron Koba.



Peeling.

That's a word which may not be in the dictionary in this sense of its use, but which is in very common use in some sections of the country. "She's always peeling" they say of the woman who runs to the cupboard at irregular hours and eats a piece of pie, cake, or some other dainty. This irregular eating is one of the chief causes of dyspepsia and "weak" stomach.

Diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition are completely cured by the use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the supply of rich, pure blood, and gives the body vitality and vigor. "A year ago I was feeling very badly," writes Mrs. Lizzie Abrams, of 195 Johnson Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. "I had a very poor appetite and when I sat down at the table I could not eat, but would have to go away without even tasting food. I happened to hear from a friend who used your Golden Medical Discovery. I bought a bottle and took it. I thought I would give the medicine a trial, and I can hardly express the benefit received from it. The first dose seemed to do me good. My appetite returned and I was able to eat heartily. I have improved so much since taking the Golden Medical Discovery I do not look like the same person. Any doctor would be the result of taking six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of contents and mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Report Adopted

Programme For Celebration, as Arranged, to Be Carried Out If Possible.

The Dates of Meetings Arranged and Reception Committee Appointed.

A public meeting was held in the council chamber of the city hall last evening to receive the report of the general committee having in hand the arrangements for the celebration on Victoria Day, May 24th. Mayor Hayward presided, and after announcing the object of the meeting presented the following summary of the report of the treasurer of last year's event, E. C. Smith, in order that an idea of the financial aspect may be obtained. The report follows:

Table with columns: Receipts, Expenditure, and Balance. Total receipts: \$4,007.20. Total expenditure: \$4,502.01. Leaving a balance as shown in book of Bank of B. N. A. submitted herewith: \$44.90.

I beg to submit a statement in detail of the receipts (B) and also of the expenditure (C).

I regret to say that there has been so much delay in making this final report, the reasons for which were as follows: 1. On account of two of the subscription books not having been handed in; and 2. After finally getting one of the two, the loss of time in endeavoring to collect all amounts promised.

There are still three amounts promised which neither the committee nor I have been able to collect.

I beg to submit the history in connection with same (D).

It is somewhat late in the day, still if it can be arranged, I very much desire that these accounts or a synopsis of same be given to the public.

EDWIN C. SMITH, Hon. Treasurer.

In moving the adoption of the report Dr. Milne paid a high tribute to the efficiency of the treasurer, and coupled with his motion a vote of thanks to be tendered Mr. Smith. In regard to contributions the speaker mentioned that those who were the immediate beneficiaries of the celebration should be prepared to give most liberally. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wholser stated that he had heard that the secretary of last year had not received the full amount of salary due him, and moved that he receive the remainder. A. J. Dallan seconded, pointing out that instead of \$150, the late secretary had only received \$100. The motion was carried.

The secretary's report containing a record of the proceedings of the previous night's meeting was then read, and C. H. Lugin moved, seconded by Dr. Milne, "That the report of the general committee be received and adopted and that the general committee be instructed to carry out the programme as outlined in finances permit, and that the general committee have power to re-arrange the programme if deemed advisable, and the times at which the events are to be held according to any arrangements that may be arrived at with the naval and military authorities."

The mover said that he was among those who would have been satisfied had it been decided to forego the celebration this year, but as the public desired it, he thought every effort should be made to make it a success. The programme was an admirable one, but would require considerable money to carry it out successfully.

W. Ridgeway considered the programme too ambitious, and while he favored making the celebration a success, he pointed out that energy should be reserved for the festivities in October on the visit of the Duke of York. He wanted an estimate of the probable cost of the celebration as provided in the programme arranged.

Some discussion ensued on this point, the mayor remarking that the estimate was \$2,750 or \$1,000 less than last year, while the secretary explained that he had arrived at this amount through an investigation of the estimate last year, and comparison of the two programmes.

Anton Henderson advocated advertising the programme as announced, which would bring many people from the neighboring cities, and he believed that the result of this would be that when the next celebration was held in October, the merchants would be in a better position to contribute than now. Finally, after some further discussion, the resolution was carried.

At this juncture Dr. Lewis Hall and several members of the school board entered and were shown the programme, and their views asked for. The Doctor pointed out that they could not speak for the school board, but the matter would be brought before the board at its meeting next Wednesday, but he felt sure that the board would assist as far as possible. He emphasized the necessity of arranging a good programme, or other cities would eclipse Victoria. There should either be a good programme or none.

The estimates for the regatta was discussed, and Mr. Dallan stated that Chief Cooper had told him that three Indian tribes on the other side were practicing for May 24th, and several tribes

on this Island were making preparations. The regatta would cost \$1,000. In regard to the school children participating, Dr. Milne advised that the teachers be asked to co-operate with the school board and committee in making the event in which the children would take part a success. This course was adopted.

After the members of the school board had been added to the general committee the meeting adjourned to sit immediately after as a general committee.

The secretary reported that he had asked the mayor to communicate with the admiral regarding the navy's participation in the regatta and review; also that Mr. Smith had kindly consented to act as treasurer; and that Mr. Northcott, owing to pressure of other duties, would be unable to act as purchasing official.

The mayor stated that he would communicate with the admiral by wire which the latter called in at San Diego, and a reply would probably be received by Monday.

Mr. Lugin wanted the yacht race feature dropped from the programme, as he did not think the funds for this event would be available.

Dr. Hall seconded, but Major Williams objected, pointing out that great interest was taken in yachting in this city, and it was always an excellent attraction.

George Javes also favored including yacht racing on the programme, although if deemed advisable, it would not be necessary to grant financial assistance.

Mr. Lugin's motion was then amended to read as follows: "That the finance committee be instructed that in the opinion of this committee to assistance should be given to the yacht races out of the general fund until all other appropriations are provided for."

The motion carried. It was also decided to place \$150 at the disposal of the printing committee, for advertising. The dates of meetings of the various committees as advertised were then submitted. The mayor and aldermen were appointed a reception committee with power to advertise, and after leaving the appointment of a reviewing committee to the finance committee, the meeting adjourned.

A CENSUS FAIRY TALE.

To the Editor:—The Colonist this morning is evidently the victim of a practical joker or a strange kind of hallucination. Speaking of the census taking, it concludes: "It is said that in consequence of the errors shown in the census of Victoria in 1891, the late premier, Theodore Davis, made such strong representations to the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, that he was increased by an allowance upon 23,000 people in addition to those shown by the official returns. The second enumeration was made by a private gentleman, whose public-spirited action in that regard resulted for British Columbia \$184,000 in ten years."

Such statements are hardly executable in a leading organ of the government. The late Theodore Davis and Hon. J. H. Turner both made a very strong effort to obtain a revision of the census, and did, so far as the Indians are concerned, but it only succeeded in making a change of THREE. The Hon. the Minister of the Interior, now, to accept a municipal census in lieu of their own. In regard to the Indians, it was claimed that there had not been a complete or accurate census, as the census taker, in making a change of THREE, was misled by the Indian agents, and those contained in the census of the Indian agents, as shown in the report of the Department of Indian Affairs. It turned out, however, that the difference was the result of a duplication of about 8,000 Indians by the Indian Department, and although a claim was made for the balance that could not be accounted for, it was never adjusted. The increase of the subsidy by an allowance upon 23,000 people, therefore, is purely a myth, and may be credited to the enterprising spirit of the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, who is alleged to have realized for British Columbia in ten years, \$184,000.

In a matter of fact, this census fable is one that follows every census taking, especially in Western cities. The idea of 23,000 names being omitted in counting the city of Victoria is quite absurd, and as ridiculous as the claim of the alleged "public-spirited" individual who, by his unaided efforts, added \$184,000 to the public treasury. I do not know anything about the personnel of the enumerators, but it is to be assumed that Mr. Dalby and Mr. Drury, under whose supervision they were, are not quite such idiots and incompetents as the Colonist would thereby make them out to be. I'll venture to say that if the city council or the board of trade offered twenty-five cents a name for every person who had been missed, they would not be 100 names added to the list, and I would suggest that the schedules should be held for a week or ten days, and that notices should be put in the papers calling upon any person who had been missed, or who knew personally one or who had heard of any person being missed, to report the same without delay to the commissioner.

CENSORIAN.

Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says "Chamberlain's Pain Balm" is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This balm is for sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

The thumb, according to professional painters, is an unerring index to the mind. If a person is trying to deceive you he will invariably draw his thumb in toward the palm. On the other hand, if he is telling the truth, the thumb will be relaxed and point away from the palm.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$5,000 to his institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 209 D. The Nicholson Institute, Longcott, Gunnersbury, London, W.

The pneumatic principle has been applied by an ingenious inventor to boots. The air-tightness between the upper and lower soles, and give a spring movement to the foot, calculated to reduce friction with the ground and to alleviate fatigue.

CASTORA

For Infants and Children.

Some papers as late as February 2nd, received in Seattle, state that Benjamin T. Miller, formerly of Seattle, and Chas. E. Gray, brother of the United States District Attorney, of the same place, were frozen in the recent blizzard in the Nome region.

Princess Steamer Line

A Happy Plan Hit On For the Naming of New C. P. N. Vessels.

The Hating to Be Re-Christened Princess May—Quadra to Investigate Wreck.

An original and pretty plan has been hit upon for the naming of the new steamers of the C. P. N. fleet. Having an Empress line it is the desire of the C. P. N. Company to also have a Princess line, and news steamers of the C. P. N. fleet will accordingly be christened after members of the Royal family.

There is but one Princess in the fleet at present, she being the Princess Louise, and steps are being taken to have another of the fleet christened after the Princess May, wife of the Duke of Cornwall, who, with her husband, is now on her way to Australia, and who is expected to visit this city before her return to England. The vessel to be so named will be the Hating, now on her way from the Orient to take her place on the Skagway run. Correspondence is now being carried on in respect to this matter, and Capt. Troup hopes to be able to make the desired change as soon as the steamer arrives.

Capt. Troup states that he has been working on the plans of the new steamer intended for the Vancouver service since February. He has several companies bidding on the contract for the building of the steamer, but so far nothing had been decided on.

TO-INVIGATE WRECK. Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the expected arrival of the D. G. S. Quadra to proceed or not proceed to the scene of the wreck reported in Bonnet's Sound, Graham Island, came to hand. According to these the steamer will at once investigate the wreck. She left this morning direct for the scene of the disaster, and will only stop en route at Skidegate to make further inquiries regarding the reports brought there by the Indians. All possible effort will be made to ascertain what has become of the survivors, and it is believed that the Rev. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Dempster will have returned with some news regarding their fate by the time the steamer reaches Skidegate. The prompt action of the department of marine and fisheries in dispatching the Quadra to the possible assistance of the crew is regarded as a particularly commendable one along the water front.

MORE SEALERS ARRIVE. A fleet of thirteen sealing schooners had up to noon to-day returned from the coast sealing grounds. Those reported in the Straits by last evening's Times have taken up quarters in the upper harbor, together with three others, which arrived later. The catches of the new arrivals as reported on their return are as follows: Viva, Capt. McPherson, 233 skins; Favorite, Capt. McLean, 161 skins; Allie I Alger, Capt. W. E. Baker, 274 skins; Geneva, Capt. W. Byers, 181 skins; Anoka, Capt. A. McDougall, 76; Beatrice, Capt. A. St. Clair, 294 skins; and Hattie, Capt. Fairly, 110. The Hattie arrived this morning, and reports an uneventful cruise.

NAVIGATION OPEN. Steamer Victorian, which left Skagway early in the morning of April 28th, has brought news to the Sound that the Yukon river from White Horse to Dawson opened on Saturday, April 27th. The Skagway News of April 27th states that several ice afloat had held the ice together up to that time, although rotten and on the very point of breaking. This having been the fact, the likelihood of the ice when it did break having gone in all places at once is very strong.

WILL RAISE THE COMOX. Capt. R. Collier, inspector of hulls, accompanied by Capt. Melson, of Vancouver, have left to inspect the stranded steamer Comox, which is lying between Estero Basin and Frederick Arm. A force of fifteen men have also gone North to the scene of the wreck to commence operations in removing the vessel into deep water. It is intended to dam the tide seven feet high around the craft. It is estimated the whole cost of the undertaking will not exceed \$1,000.

MARINE NOTES. Travel to Skagway and Lynn canal north from the Sound has shown a heavy increase since the rate was started. In addition to which Tacoma and Seattle merchants are taking advantage of existing conditions to ship freight North. It is mooted now that a meeting is being arranged between the different transportation companies for an equitable adjustment of rates.

The dismantled German ship Otto Gildemeister has been sold at San Francisco to Capt. George P. F. Ellis, of Santa Barbara, for \$26,100.

Steamer Horda is reported to have been chartered by the Wellington Colliery Company to load at Ladysmith for San Francisco.

The wreck of the Rio de Janeiro and her cargo belong now to the underwriters.

CAREER AND CHARACTER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and may be had by sending 10 cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Sporting News

THE OAR. OARSMAN DEAD. (Associated Press.) Chicago, May 2.—Robert Corbett, captain of the Ironsides Boat Club, and one of the first men in aquatic sport in Chicago, is dead. Mr. Corbett was a family of oarsmen and was a brother of John Corbett, who was champion oarsman of America.

YACHTING. MEASUREMENTS OF CONSTITUTION. New York, May 2.—The Commercial Advertiser says: "The following measurements and description of the new Regischoff cup defender, the Constitution, which is to be launched next Monday night, are from authoritative sources: The Constitution, it is learned, is of the same overall length as the Columbia, 122 feet, and also of the same length on the waterline, 87 feet 7 inches. There is little difference in the draught, the Columbia drawing 19 feet 7 inches and the Constitution a little less. The Constitution, however, is wider in the midships section by a foot and a half over the Columbia. This is greatly to the advantage of the new boat when she is heeling over."

TO-NIGHT'S FIGHT. (Associated Press.) Denver, Colo., May 2.—"Sailor Tom" Sharkey and Fred Russell, the California heavyweight, will meet for a ten round go in the arena of the Colorado Athletic Association to-night. Sharkey's special effort has been to accustom himself to the high altitude, and those who are nearest him say that there is no danger of his weight being affected in the least by it. He will weigh close to 192 pounds and is in the pink of condition. Russell has trained faithfully and is hard as iron. He is reported as having improved greatly in the science of the game. He will weigh close to 200 pounds, and his friends are confident that if he shall not lose his head he will win the battle.

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# Provincial Parliament

## The Railway Loan Bill Brought Down at Last With Proposed Modifications.

### Amendments Reluctantly Disclosed by Government—Medical Bill Gets Six Months' Hoist.

Victoria, May 2nd.

The long delayed and eagerly expected loan bill of the government providing for the raising of \$5,000,000 for railway purposes and for public works, was submitted to the legislature for second reading to-night. There was a flutter in the galleries and the House upon its being reached, for it was generally understood that the dissenting element to the right of the Speaker had suspended opposition only on condition that on the second reading the full terms of the modifications, including the proposal to amend the extra session of the House, would be set out explicitly by Hon. Mr. Turner.

In spite of this agreement between the government and its independent supporters the Finance Minister manifested no disposition to disclose the terms which would be offered in common. It was not until sharply demanded by some of their own supporters and by the opposition that the proposed changes in the bill were outlined and then in such a hazy and confused way that the conclusion was inevitable that the Finance Minister was lamentably unfamiliar with the amendments. Indeed one condition seemed so irreconcilable with any of the substantialities that repeated attempts to graft it on to the bill failed and the Finance Minister had to give up the task and state that he would explain it later.

Having learned the principal amendments, the House still manifested an eagerness to know whether or not an extra session would be called to ratify the amendments. This too had to be fairly extracted from the government, and at last Hon. Mr. Turner intimated that he had the Premier's authority to say that an extra session would be convened.

On the debate being adjourned the business in the House lagged, the members rushing to the lobbies and corridors to confer on the matter. The breach between the lobbies and the government which, during the last few days seemed to be healing, threatens to become wider than ever as a result of to-night's exhibition of faithfulness. A distinct revolution of feeling set in and the incident served to recall a former pledge from the same government which still lacks fulfillment, namely, the promise of cabinet reconstruction as so solemnly made when the industry was fogged.

As the leader of the opposition will be absent in the Mainland to-morrow, it is unlikely that the consideration of the loan bill will come up before Monday.

The other features of to-day's session was a second and unsuccessful attempt by Mr. Martin to revive his 88-page bill in its original form; the explanation by the Attorney-General of the fisheries law; and the six months' hoist which was accorded the bill amending the Medical Act. Forenoon sessions are to be inaugurated, and are said to be a feature for the remainder of the session.

#### Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Sweet-Privilege.

Messrs. Brown, Martin and Curtis rose on privilege to correct statements in the World and Colonist. Mr. McPhillips drew attention to the fact that Mr. Brown was referring to something that did not occur in the House, but the Speaker ruled that he was permitted to make a statement.

Out of Order.

The game petition presented by Mr. Helmecken yesterday was ruled out of order by the Speaker.

Printing Committee.

Mr. Hall presented the seventh report on printing. The report was received.

New Bills.

Hon. Mr. McBride introduced an act amending the Explosives Act, and Mr. Curtis on respecting deception in procuring workmen or employees. These were read a first time.

#### Alberni Timber Leases.

Mr. Neill moved: Whereas the Toronto and B. C. Lumber Co. hold timber leases in the Alberni electoral district amounting to 39,912 acres: "Whereas their indebtedness to the government in June, 1898, on account of these leases, amounted to \$17,748, and they compounded such indebtedness by a payment of 50 cents on the dollar; "Whereas their indebtedness on said leases has again accumulated to \$11,973; "Whereas since the granting of these leases in 1893, no mill has been built nor any other development work done on the lands: "Whereas it is greatly against the interests of the Alberni district that these lands should be held without development: "And whereas it is again the interests of the province in general that large areas of timber lands throughout the province should be held by parties who neither benefit the province by the development of the lumber industry nor increase the revenues of the province by paying the rents established by law for such timber lands: "Therefore be it resolved, That this House respectfully urge on the government to take such action as will lead to the immediate building of a mill on and the development of the timber lands within the Alberni district."

In supporting the motion the mover said the question had both its local and provincial aspect. The company had got the lands on condition that they should build. Subsequently their time was extended upon their promising to pay five cents an acre more, and they did build a mill. In 1898 the liabilities on these lands were \$17,700, and by going to the government and pleading poverty

they were allowed a compromise. The indebtedness on these leases had now increased to \$12,000, and no mill had been built. The timber industry had been stagnating in consequence, as the holdings were in the heart of the district. Prior to 1892 a very large mill had been operated there, and some of the biggest ships in the world came there to load. There were now two mills operated in the district which were handicapped because they had no outside these limits for their timber. He was actuated by no enmity to the company, as the only official he knew was a personal friend of his own. He brought the matter up simply because a hardship was being worked on his constituency.

The company was not paying its debts largely as their money had been spent in acquiring the lands. The deal was a gamble, and if the company was getting no revenue from the lands it was because they had failed to develop them.

The government should do one of three things, make the government build the mill, pay their taxes, or else cancel their lease. The proper course to take was the first named, which was quite feasible, for when a company owed the government a large sum they could compel them to do so.

Hon. Mr. Wells said the member for Alberni had displayed his usual interest in his constituency. The government should, he admitted, take steps to make every company carry out their leases. What the special inducements were for allowing a compromise with the company named he could not say.

The company which leased the lands did so in 1893, and prepared to commence active operations. They built a mill at Alberni, but not at Alberni. They had expended a very large sum in the province, perhaps \$300,000, and had not received a dollar in exchange. Their managing director died and another was murdered.

The company had offered if anyone would build a mill at Alberni to give them the cutting of 35,000,000 feet. He was favorable to bearing with the company for a time and seeing if they could not carry out the terms of their lease. If anything was to be gained by cancelling the lease he would be glad to do so. He did not think so, and therefore he asked that the resolution be withdrawn.

Mr. Martin condemned the practice of letting the taxes on these lands set into arrears. They should be promptly collected. These people had kept others off the land, had got the increased value of the lands, and now refused to pay the government anything. He condemned the course of the government as one of favoritism to corporations. Every one had a right to pay the government what he owed it; and there should be no modification of that principle. The department of lands and works was merely the collecting agency for the province. Timber limits were in demand.

Hon. Mr. Wells—No; the province is short of \$200,000, which they have invested in building the mill or in paying taxes.

Mr. Martin held that this was not the proper way to look at the matter.

Hon. Mr. Wells—Would you take the limits and pay the arrears?

Mr. Martin said that was not the question; the matter should not be allowed to get in that state.

Hon. Mr. Wells, in reply, said the company was practically insolvent; that the individual shareholders paid the compromise out of their own pockets, and that the government was not to be held responsible for the end by temporizing.

Mr. Curtis said this was another example of the business qualities of this business government. If the best managed department of the government permitted such a state of affairs, what must be thought of the whole government?

Mr. Turner said that the arrears of \$11,000 had been accumulated under the Semlin-Martin government, and that the whole sum would have been lost to the country had not the present government induced the individual shareholders to pay up. This was but an illustration of the incapacity of the government to attend to the interests of the province.

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Wells, Rogers, Hunter, Taylor and Mounce—17.

The amendment was therefore declared lost, amid great applause from the anti-champerty members. The report of the bill was then adopted.

Shops Regulation.

The House went into committee on the Shops Regulation bill, with Mr. Stables in the chair. A number of amendments were added, among them being the following by Mr. Garden:

It shall not be lawful to let or suffer to be occupied as a bake-shop, or to occupy as a bake-shop, any room or place situated in a cellar or underground which was not so let or occupied before the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and one; and after the lapse of one year from the said first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and one, it shall not be lawful to further occupy, or suffer to be occupied, as a bake-shop, any room or place situated in a cellar or underground.

There shall be posted up in convenient places in every bake-shop, and be constantly kept so posted up, the provisions of this act with respect to bake-shops, to enable persons employed in bake-shops to become acquainted with their rights, liabilities and duties under this act.

The bill was reported complete.

Summary Convictions.

The Summary Convictions bill was committed, with Mr. Munro in the chair, and reported complete.

Legal Professions.

The Legal Professions bill was taken up in committee of the whole, with Mr. Hayward in the chair. Mr. Martin offered an amendment setting forth that the person qualified by the bill should not practice as a barrister but that the act was passed expressly for the purpose of qualifying him for the position of registrar. This was carried, and progress reported.

Medical Bill.

The debate was resumed on the Medical bill by Capt. Tatlow, who referred to the general bill introduced by Dr. Roddick in the Dominion act, which would raise the status of the profession in Canada. This would involve no surrender of local autonomy, as it would have to be brought into effect by a provincial statute. He thought the barriers between these provinces should be broken down. The profession was a common-law one. The province should stand ready to bring the Roddick bill into effect as soon as passed, and he therefore moved the six months' hoist.

Mr. Martin said the medical profession proposed by the Roddick bill to take away the right of the legislature. Its only good feature was that it provided that a man could practice in more than one province. But he did not know that it mattered whether or not reciprocity was granted in the matter. The province did not care whether, when a doctor, when he left B. C., was admitted elsewhere.

The province should retain its right to legislate in this matter. Under the B. N. A. Act the provinces had no rights, and he hoped to see the provinces some day memorializing for amendments to that bill. What had the Dominion to do with our fisheries, for instance. The small provinces had to pay into the Dominion treasury money which went to the larger ones in expenditure.

Mr. Murphy supported Capt. Tatlow's motion. To-day Canada had 11 medical colleges, a larger number in proportion than anywhere else in the civilized world. The standard of medical education had been steadily rising. The medical council came into existence because of the number of medical colleges, and for the purpose of raising the medical requirements.

The medical profession stood high in this province. Yet there were instances of men who were qualified when the act was brought into force, it would flood the province with indifferent practitioners.

While concurring with all the leader of the opposition had said in regard to provincial rights, Mr. Curtis did not think the passage of the Dominion law would take from the province the right to prescribe who should practice in the province. Dominion practitioners could be qualified the same as Dominion land surveyors, who could then be empowered to practice here.

The real question was whether or not the bill before the House was in the interests of the public. Examinations for teachers, lawyers, etc., were for the protection of the public. A large number of people who had medical certificates in the United States and Canada were insufficient. He was afraid that if the bill passed the country would be exposed to such medical men.

He held that this province should not be made the dumping ground for medical men from all points, especially as the profession was already over crowded.

If the fraternal societies had come to the House and stated that the medical society was making these examinations unfair, he would have been prepared to have taken some steps to remedy the abuse. He would support the six months' hoist.

Mr. Gilmour would support the bill if it was modified somewhat. He didn't believe in admitting men who held certificates in any British possession.

Mr. E. C. Smith didn't believe in free trade in doctors. Let the fraternal societies contract for a doctor from Ontario if necessary.

Third Readings.

The Absconding Debtors Act Amendment bill, the Tramway Companies Incorporation bill, and the B. C. Immigration Act Amendment act was read a third time and finally passed.

Legal Professions Bill.

On the report of the Legal Professions bill, Mr. Martin moved to strike out the clause providing that the lawyer will not be allowed to charge more than the scale of fees provided in the act. He pointed out that the effect would be that no lawyer would practise for a portion of property. A long debate ensued, and a division taken on the motion to strike out the clause resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. McInnes, Gilmour, Stables, E. C. Smith, Oliver, Hawthornthwaite, Neill, Brown, Martin, Curtis, Hunter, Turner, Eberts, Clifford, McBride, Murphy—16.

Nays—Messrs. Munro, McPhillips, A. W. Smith, Helmecken, Ellison, Tatlow, Hayward, Garden, Fulton, Prentice,

by 2,300 names, and was entitled to consideration. He knew of no British possession where the standard of the professional profession had been abused, he would anticipate by the passage of the bill. He, therefore, supported it.

Mr. Kidd held that the bill involved a principle of unfairness, as it was brought in for the purpose of having members of the societies treated cheaper than other British possessions, and must be graduates of universities and medical colleges. He didn't think there was a school in the British possessions that turned out men who were not well qualified.

In Ontario they could admit persons from the Northern country who had practiced there.

The House had been petitioned by 2,300 members of benefit organizations (going a good and charitable way, and which was entitled to great consideration). Yet no one there was no restriction on medical men in the way of examinations. The examinations have to be reported to protect the province not from British doctors, but from ill-qualified members of the professions from the States.

Mr. Stables supported the bill also. If the reason for defeating the bill was to protect the public, why was the principle not applied to other occupations, such as engineers, who had more lives entrusted to them than any doctor. If only such would emigrate to British Columbia under the bill, how was the fact that some of the best doctors in British Columbia were from the East explained? They had a doctor who had passed the British Columbia examination, and whom few of the miners would trust.

Mr. Oliver also opposed the bill, holding that it was so framed that a man who had not practiced for three years could come into the province.

Mr. Hunter registered his objection to the measure.

Mr. McPhillips mentioned that the history of the matter had not been dealt with. Up to 1886 English graduates were entitled to go to any part of the Empire to practice. In that year the Commons decided that some check should be provided, and graduates therefore were compelled to comply with the local law. That was in another, or otherwise, industrial authorities should not invade the domain of the other dominions.

The immediate reason of the present bill was the refusal of the members of the Victoria Medical Association to treat lodge members. Thus an acute crisis was reached, but he understood that the doctors had since receded from that position, and that lodge members were now being treated again as usual.

It would be more reasonable to wait for Dr. Roddick's bill by which the whole question would be settled.

The acute position having passed, he thought the legislation unnecessary. The experience through which the local industrial association had passed had proved to them that they had gone a little too far. Why should the province present to its young men a reasonable field for their abilities? More, a doctor from some distant dependency might be admitted under the bill, if his vote on the matter made him marked man, he could only say that he had acted to the best of his judgment.

The six months' hoist was carried on the following division:

Ayes—Messrs. E. C. Smith, Oliver, Brown, Martin, Curtis, Munro, Kidd, Green, Houston, McPhillips, Turner, Dunsmuir, Eberts, A. W. Smith, Ellison, Clifford, Tatlow, Garden, Fulton, Prentice, Murphy, Rogers, Hunter and Tatlow—24.

Nays—Messrs. McInnes, Stables, Hayward, McBride, Hall, Neill, Hawthornthwaite and Helmecken—8.

also opened up a fine country, and would undoubtedly ultimately form a part of a great road from the East.

The road to Golden was also of the greatest importance.

A number of amendments would be introduced in committee. There was one provision for a bridge over the Fraser river, which was felt, however, that the funds for the bridge could be raised in the province at a somewhat higher rate of interest. An amendment to that effect would be introduced. He thought it would be advisable to do this, and show that capitalists in our own country were willing to take it up.

Mr. Curtis—May I ask who will loan the money, and at what rate?

Hon. Mr. Turner replied that he could not answer that question at present. Such a question was an absurdity on the face of it. Even if he had the name of the party loaning it, it would be most undesirable that the hon. member for Rossland should ask such a question.

By the bill the amount in excess of that required for railways could be devoted to public works. The government would have to be able to float that portion of it before that required for railways. The government was a hard time to get the bill, but the government would watch and float it when the time seemed favorable.

Mr. Curtis asked what the government's position was in regard to their completion on the Coast-Kootenay line. He also wanted explanations of sections 10, 11 and 12 of the bill.

Mr. Turner said all these things could be discussed in committee.

Mr. Oliver asked if it was the intention of the government to amend the bill to permit of any of the contracts being ratified by the legislature instead of by the Governor-in-Council.

The minister replied that he might explain some of the amendments which it was proposed to offer. Carefully the amendments outlined were as follows:

Section 2 of the bill, which reads as follows: "The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may in addition to all other moneys authorized to be raised or borrowed by any other act of the province, borrow or raise from time to time, in such amounts, in such manner, and at such times as may be deemed expedient, any sum of money not exceeding five million dollars by the sale of debentures, or by the issue and sale of British Columbia stock under the provisions of the 'Transfer Stock Act, 1891,' or partly in one way and partly in another, or otherwise; provided, however, that no moneys shall be borrowed under this act for railway subsidies before the first day of July, 1903," is amended by adding thereafter "the sum of \$500,000 may nevertheless be borrowed at any time after the 1st day of July, 1902, at a rate not exceeding 4 1/2 per cent."

Sub-section e, section 10, which reads as follows: "That four per cent, per annum of the gross earnings of the railway shall be paid to the province, and such sums of four per cent, shall be a first charge upon the gross earnings," is amended by adding: "Provided that the sum so paid shall not in any one year exceed two per cent, on the amount of subsidy advanced."

Sub-section e, section 10, which reads as follows: "That the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall have absolute control of the freight and passenger rates to be charged by the railway, and that, notwithstanding and in the event of the railway being or becoming subject to the jurisdiction of the Dominion government, the same shall be deemed a contract between the province and the company," shall be amended by adding after the word "be," in line 5, the words "assumed by the company and shall be."

Sub-section f of section 10, which reads as follows: "That the railways may be acquired at any time by the province at a valuation to be determined by arbitration under the provisions of the 'Arbitration Act,'" provided, however, that in considering the valuation no sum shall be ascertained by the arbitrators for the franchise belonging to the company," shall be amended by adding after the word "time" in the first line "after 20 years from the time the subsidy is paid to such company."

Section 7 sub-section 10, which reads as follows: "That the conditions of this section may be varied at any time, and so from time to time and as often as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may deem advisable; the subject-matter referred to in this section by the government of British Columbia be not abrogated," is struck out and the following substituted: "The company may at any time repay the amount advanced and then be absolved from any further payment, but this shall not prejudice the rights of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council in the meantime."

Sub-section p section 10 is struck out. It reads: "That such other terms and conditions may be imposed as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may deem advisable."

Section 10, which reads as follows: "Any person, firm, or company, shall be entitled to a subsidy for the construction of a line between vicinity of English Bluff, aforesaid, and Midway, except on condition that the company applying for same shall enter into an agreement with proper assurances, satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, to construct and to operate daily between the Mainland and Vancouver Island, at the most convenient point, to connect with the city of Victoria, a suitable steam ferry for the transportation of cars, freight and passengers," shall be amended by inserting after the word "at" in line 1 the words "Stoney Bay, or some other convenient point."

Section 17, which reads: "No subsidy shall be paid before the first day of January, 1904," shall be amended by substituting 3 for 4, in the year.

Mr. Oliver asked again if it was the intention of the government to retain its power of awarding the contracts without submitting the same to the legislature.

Hon. Mr. Turner—That matter is under consideration and will be answered in committee.

Mr. Helmecken—No, sir.

Mr. Martin—Well, surely it is understood that when a member of the House votes for the second reading he votes for the principle of the bill. He was glad the government was willing to listen to suggestions regarding the bill, and that the government had not made up their minds, they had better wait until they did. On voting on the second reading the members committed themselves to everything in that bill. Here

was a matter of great principle which the Finance Minister wanted laid over until committee was reached.

Hon. Mr. Turner disputed the statement that in voting for the second reading the members were voting for every detail in it. The matter mentioned did not contain the principle of the bill, such as the amount of subsidy, etc.

As to the question raised by Mr. Oliver he was authorized by the Premier to say that he would call the House together to ratify any agreement the government might make. (Applause.)

Hon. members—Will that go in the bill?

Hon. Mr. Turner—No.

Messrs. Curtis, Helmecken and others—Yes, yes.

Mr. Gilmour thought the bill might lie over until to-morrow, until the railway correspondence he had asked for was brought down. The government did not object to that return, and had allowed it to pass the House without a dissenting voice; why then did they refuse to submit it?

Capt. Tatlow said that the contract made should be subject to the legislature. He was not prepared to hand over to the Governor-in-Council the duties appertaining to the legislature.

The return was here presented.

Mr. Martin said that there was no time in which to digest the return, and therefore he moved the adjournment of the debate. This was done.

Land Registry.

The House went into committee on the Land Registry bill, with Mr. Oliver in the chair. Progress was reported.

Grand Forks By-Laws.

A act to validate certain by-laws of the town of Grand Forks was transmitted by message, committed to committee of the whole, reported and read a first time.

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Ladies' Button and Lace Boots, samples and oddments, regular \$3.50 to \$5.00... Saturday, \$2.00. Sizes are as follows: 11 pairs, size 3; 5 pairs, 3 1/2; 25 pairs, 4; 8 pairs, 4 1/2; 3 pairs, 5; 8 pairs, 5 1-2; 8 pairs, 6, and 5 pairs, 7.

Children's Boots, sizes 5 to 10 1-2. In this lot are black kid boots, russets, tans, fancy cloth tops and all kid tops, regular prices \$1.50 to \$2.50... Saturday, \$1.00 a pair.

Men's Sample Boots, only 20 pairs, all size 7, regular prices \$4.00 to \$5.50 a pr.; Saturday, \$2.50 pr.

Gideon Hicks & Co. 88 Government St., Victoria. 123 HASTINGS ST., VANCOUVER. A Carload of Mason & Risch Pianos. JUST RECEIVED. NEW SCALES. Containing 4 New Patents. We invite you to call and see them. Surpassing everything in Canada. They will surprise you. Tuning promptly attended to. 88 Government St., Victoria.

Best Double Screened Household Coal. \$6.50 Per Ton Delivered. Weight Guaranteed. HALL & WALKER, 120 Government St. Phone 93.

J. R. NOOT. PRUNES, 5c lb. 11 lbs. 50c. WHITE STAR PICKLES, per bot. 20c. VAN CAMP'S PORK AND BEANS, 2.25c. PURE GOLD JELLY, per package... 10c. Corner Fernwood Road and North Chatham St.

VICTORIA THEATRE. FRIDAY, MAY 3rd. OHLAS, H. YAKERS' Kaleidoscopic Mechanical and Spectacular Surprises. THE EVIL EYE. Or the Many Merry Mishaps of Nid and the Wicked Wonderful Wanderings of Nod. Management of the author, Sidney E. Ellis. With all its Wealth of Novelty and Sumptuous Surroundings. Great Cast, including Chas. A. Goddard, Mayme Mayo, Tommy Elliott, and the Bros. Borani. The Wonderful Pinnois Phases-Troupe, The Wonderful Electric Ballet. All the Marvelous Features and Novelties which have made this play and production the Talk of the Town. Prices, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, and 25c. Seats on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery Store Thursday morning.

It will be provided with horizontal and vertical screws, the latter being used to raise or depress the boat. The motive power will be petroleum, of which 150 tons will be taken—more or less five times the quantity needed for the double journey from Spitzbergen to the Pole. During the fifteen hours the boat can remain below water a distance of fifty miles can be covered at a very low rate of speed. The venture will be made from the edge of the land ice surrounding Spitzbergen, where the boat will be submerged and steered towards the nearest open water north. Herr Kampfe does not think the pack ice is of a greater average depth than 20 feet, and as his boat can descend 99 feet, it will be entirely removed from the influence of ice-pressure, cold, or storms, and the way to the North Pole be opened. If after a six hours' journey beneath the surface no opening in the ice can be found, the boat will have to retrace its way to the last opening left; but should the ice pack be thin attempts will be made to effect an opening (and thus gain fresh air) by blasting. However, Herr Kampfe does not think that in any direction the ice pack contains unbroken more than four or five miles.

Sugar, German Lump, 3 lbs for 25c. Sugar, Vancouver Granulated, 18 lbs for \$1.00. Sago, white 5c lb. Tapioca 5c lb. Tapioca, Granulated, 2 pkgs for 25c. Jelly and Custard Powder, per pkg. 10c., ready for use in 5 minutes. Hardsess Clarke, 86 Douglas Street.



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## Prescriptions

There is no drug store where this feature has more scrupulous attention than here. It doesn't pay to take chances in matters of health-of life and death, perhaps. Bring your prescriptions here where everything is right.

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CHEMIST,  
28 Government Street, Near Yates Street,  
VICTORIA, B. C.  
OPEN ALL THE TIME.

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The Best Selected Stock of

# GROCERIES

In the city. You will save money by buying your Groceries, Flour, Feed, Hay and Grain from us.

We buy the best and sell at the lowest possible price.

We do not quote prices in this ad.; space will not permit.

Just received, Butter Cream Sodas, put up in gallon tins.

## JOHNS BROS.

259 Douglas Street.

-You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

-Mr. and Mrs. T. Ford, of 18 Third street, mourn the loss by death of their infant son, aged two months.

-Great bargains in monuments at Stewart's. Several Scotch-Granite Monuments just arrived, Copings, etc. Nothing but first class stock and workmanship. Cor. Yates and Blanchard streets.

**Special inducements in Dry Goods.** We will give 20 per cent. discount on all purchases. The Sterling, 39 Government street, opposite Erskine, Wall & Co.'s.

-"Corona's" photos finished in car-bonette on ivory green mounts, square, oval or shaded oval, reduced to four dollars a dozen for the month of May only, at Skene Lowe's studio. Have you sat yet?

-A meeting of the members of the Outlook Club will be held this evening for the purpose of considering the resignation of their hall and the transaction of other business. A large attendance is requested.

-A meeting of the prize committee of the B. C. Agricultural and Mineral Association will be held in the usual place on Monday evening next, while the regular monthly meeting of the general board will be held on Wednesday. The latter session will be of the greatest importance, for reports from the sub-committees will be submitted, and the arrangements in general advanced toward completion. All the members are expected to be in attendance.

-A special meeting of the city council will be held this evening, when among the items for consideration will be the following resolution recommended by the mayor: "That, in the opinion of this council, it is desirable that a civic census of the population of the city of Victoria at once be taken in the following way, namely: (1) By the printing of a sufficient number of slips or forms, to be filled up by householders in the city, so as to show the number of occupants of every house or building in the city at a time specified in the form; (2) by delivering or leaving one or two of these slips or forms at every occupied building in the city, to be filled out by the householder or other responsible person; (3) by collecting these slips or forms afterwards and recapitulating the information supplied."

-On Wednesday evening last the annual general meeting of the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, was held. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The first business of the evening was the wardens' report, which was very encouraging, showing that during the year many outstanding liabilities had been met. The Ladies' Aid, Christian Endeavor, choir and Sunday school presented parish reports, which were highly satisfactory. The proceeds of the ladies' bazaar, floral cantata, garden party, etc., added very materially to the finances of the church, amounting to something like \$704.10. The church committee and trustees were re-elected.

R. S. Day was also confirmed in his position as people's warden. E. A. Jacob was nominated by the Bishop as rector's warden, as Mr. Clarke had resigned.

-At a meeting of the school board last evening it was decided to apply to the education department for permission to institute half day classes for the primary divisions, in order to provide the accommodation required. The lower classes, in some of which there is a great excess of the maximum number allowed, may be divided, and the difficulty at present created, if permission is not granted it will be necessary for another teacher to be engaged and more room acquired, particularly in south ward. The question of accommodation has become a vital one, and the only solution will be the passage of the Half-day bill and the construction of the new building. The general monthly meeting of the board will be held next Wednesday.

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# Pimbury's Asparagus

Fresh and nice. Will receive regular shipments.

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The Leading Grocers.

## WE WANT

THE FIRST MEETING.

The Printing Committee Arrange to Advertise Celebration Extensively.

The first meeting of the newly-appointed sub-committee on printing was held in the committee of the city hall this morning. There were present Messrs. N. Shookopore, A. Greenwood, Beaumont Boggs, W. E. Ditchburn, Geo. Jay, Chas. H. Lugin and Secretary Cuthbert. Mr. Lugin was appointed chairman. The secretary announced that the meeting was called to sanction the advertising arrangements which had been entered into with the two papers by which a certain space had been reserved for the purpose. Through the contract made there would be a saving of between \$70 and \$100. The contract was ratified. Other arrangements were discussed, and it is the intention to advertise the celebration extensively. For this purpose a further appropriation will have to be made, and it is expected that the finance committee will receive an application for it at their meeting this afternoon.

-We have about 200 sample curtain lengths, which we offer at low figures to clear. Weller Bros.

-Rev. Dr. Carman last evening lectured on "From Gibraltar to Jerusalem" in Centennial Methodist church, to a fair-sized audience. Hon. A. Smith, United States consul, occupied the chair. The lecture was most interesting, and greatly enjoyed. The Rev. Dr. Carman will deliver an address in the Victoria West Methodist church this evening on "John Knox and John Wesley."

-Yesterday's Nauvoo Free Press says: "Although Moran Brothers' big garage is still tied up alongside Union wharf, their whole available force is engaged in preparing the Williamson for the expected order to handle and let go. Steam is up on the vessel and the men are climbing all over her like ants at a fitting, and by the time the order for release comes from Ottawa everything necessary to be done aboard the vessel itself will have been done."

-The following appointments were made at yesterday's meeting of the Victoria district conference of the Methodist church: Rev. E. S. Rowe, to the station; necessary; Rev. A. Barr, to the Sunday school committee; Rev. J. P. Hicks to the Epworth League committee. At the meeting of the Missionary Society the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. P. Betts; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Watson; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Crosby; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Smith; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Chapman; recording secretary, Miss Morgan, and treasurer, Mrs. Morris.

-This morning in the police court the charged with assault, was adjourned until May 4th, while that of Jim Sing, the bottle dealer, charged with trading without a license, went over until the 10th. The same course was adopted in the case of Ah Hing, charged with an infraction of the health by-law. Kate Wallis, charged with selling liquor in the ferry boat, while the only Phil Chalk, upon whom the marie of the late Jimmy Chickens as steller habitude has descended, was fined \$15 or one month's imprisonment on the old, old charge. The case of Percy Crause and Leon Marsden, charged with selling some barley from the Victoria Truck & Dray Co., is being heard this afternoon.

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*The Westside,*  
VICTORIA'S GREATEST DRY GOODS STORE. FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1901.

## Reliable Men's Furnishings



The Westside probably carries a stock equal to any three ordinary Men's Furnishing Stores in Canada. The chief of this department is in close touch with all the best makers in Europe and on this continent. New Goods appear daily on its counters that you'll not find anywhere else, and prices are always the very lowest.

**Men's Shirt Day at The Westside.**

The Westside has always upheld its high standard of quality in Men's Shirts. Moderately priced Men's fine colored cambric shirts, starched fronts with collar attached.

Regular Value, \$1. SATURDAY, 75c. Men's extra fine colored cambric shorts, soft bosoms, with new stripe effects. Regular Value, \$1; SATURDAY, 75c.

Men's Negligee or Outing Shirt, in a great variety of colors and designs. Regular Value, \$1; SATURDAY, 75c.

**Washing Ties**

200 Dozens Colored Cambric Washing Ties. Four-in-hand Cambric Ties, 12c. each. Cambric String Ties, 3 for 25c. White Pique Ties, 10c. to 25c. each.

**A Kid Glove Special** Ladies' 2 Stud Kid Glove, in all the newest shades, made by the celebrated "Fowens"

Regular Value, \$1; SATURDAY, 75c. pr.

The Hutchison Co., Ltd., Victoria.

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# Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

Those who have not been in the habit of getting their groceries from us do not know what quantity of first-class groceries a little money will buy. We keep all kinds of FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES at lowest prices.

THREE STAR (THE FAMILY FLOUR), each ..... \$1.05  
COLUMBIAN (THIS BRAND'S), 1 lb. .... . 1.75  
PICKLED WALNUTS, per lb. .... . 25  
CALIFORNIA CREAMERY NO. 1, per lb. .... . 25  
PURE NATIVE PURE WHITE, per lb. .... . 25  
Always on hand, Wellington, Delta or Eden Bank Butter, and Lipton's or Armour's Hams and Bacon.

The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.,  
30 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET.

## \$100--In Cash Prizes--\$100

for the person sending in the greatest number of

# White Swan Soap Wrappers

on or before October 31st. The following is a list of the prizes:

**22 PRIZES - \$100.00**

First Prize ..... \$25.00 Two Prizes, each of ..... \$7.50  
Second Prize ..... 15.00 Three Prizes, each of ..... 5.00  
Third Prize ..... 10.00 Four Prizes, each of ..... 2.50  
Ten Prizes, each of ..... 1.00

White Swan Soap is a home production, and by using it you not only get the best soap on the market, but you support a home industry.

Ask your grocer for it.

## Non-Honing Razor Strop

Gives a keen edge. Saves too frequent honing. A few strokes does the work. Try one, and if not satisfactory we shall change it.

A fine new stock, just arrived at

75 GOVERNMENT STREET

# FOX'S

**AYLMER BRAND**  
Canned Peas, Corn, Tomatoes, Beans,  
10c per tin  
Best on the Market.

AT  
**Mowat & Wallace,**  
GROCERS,  
Corner Yates and Douglas Streets.

## Christy's

# 2-Ounce Pearl Fedora

Pearl grey is a popular summer shade, and Christy's feather-weight 2-ounce Fedora, in that shade, is as comfortable and cool a hat as you can find in felt. They are soft and smooth, and have a cool and graceful appearance. We sell them for.....

**\$3.00**

## FLY FISHING

# Lakeside Hotel,

Cowichan Lake.

This well known resort will open for the season on April 1st. Stage leaves Duncan Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Special return tickets issued by the E. & N. Railway, good for 15 days. PRICE BROS., PROP.

## W. G. Cameron

VICTORIA'S CHEAPEST CASH CLOTHING.

55 JOHNSON STREET.

## Carpets Cleaned

And laid. With our Turkish process we remove all spots, dust, and restore the colors. Feather renovating and upholstery. Awnings made and hung.

SANITARY FEATHER WORKS,  
Phone 362. Cor. Port and Blanchard Sts.

## THE FULL DINNER PAUL

# BUTTER CREAM SODAS

Try Peppodas For Indigestion.

# Watson & Hall,

FAMILY GROCERS,  
55 YATES ST. TEL. 448.

## Rubber Hose

AT  
**Watson & McGregor**  
50 JOHNSON STREET.

## BARGAINS

5 roomed cottage and 3/4 acre ..... \$2,400  
6 roomed 2 story house ..... 1,500  
Acre lots near University ..... 300  
The Woodland Park ..... 200  
Lots on Oak Bay Avenue ..... \$150 to 400

**SWINERTON & ODDY,**  
106 GOVERNMENT STREET.

## Boys' Sweaters

Direct from Glasgow, in red and blue; sizes, 22 to 32. This is not the ordinary sweater that is usually sold, but a very fine article, superior to anything we have seen.

## Boys' Jerseys

In two grades; our stock is now complete with these goods. Just the thing for the boys, priced according to size and quality.

Every boy should have a Jersey for the summer.

## McCandless Bros.

37 Johnson St.

## An Attractive Hat

Is not what a good dresser generally looks for. At the same time he wants a hat with a touch of style about it that brands it a little out of the ordinary.

Our hats have an individuality about them that strikes you favorably. We are sole agents in Victoria for many good lines and control some of the best styles.

Price, quality and style are the factors that enable us to do a large hat business.

## Geo. R. Jackson,

Hatter Furnisher and Tailor.

## Special Inducements

### IN DRY GOODS

39 GOVERNMENT ST.

WE WILL GIVE

## 20 per Cent. Discount

ON ALL PURCHASES

# The Sterling,

39 Government Street  
Opposite Erskine, Wall & Co.

### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, May 3--5 a. m.--The barometric pressure has increased over the entire Pacific slope, and is highest off the Washington and Vancouver Island coast. Light showers have fallen at a few points, and the weather is mostly cloudy and temperate--rather lower. In the Northwest a low area is centred at Prince Albert, and a trough of low pressure covers the greater part of the Territories and Manitoba; rain has fallen at Qu'Appelle.

**Forecast.**  
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity--Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly westerly, partly cloudy and cool.  
Lower Mainland--Light or moderate winds, fair and cool.

**Reports.**  
Victoria--Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 44; minimum, 43; wind, 8 miles W.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.  
New Westminster--Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.  
Kamloops--Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
San Francisco--Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 6 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

-I like it, the wife likes it, and the kid likes it. What? Why, Kola Tonic Wine.

**Special Inducements in Dry Goods.** We will give 20 per cent. discount on all purchases. The Sterling, 39 Government street, opposite Erskine, Wall & Co.'s.

-The city water commissioner calls attention to the provision of the Water Works By-law by which water for irrigation purposes, unless supplied by meter, shall only be used between the hours of 5 and 9 a. m., and 5 and 10 p. m.

-At 7:30 on Monday evening a petition will be presented to the council dealing with the question of a new bridge at Point Ellice. The petition will be at Campbell's cigar store for signature to-day and to-morrow.

-The A. O. U. W. hall was very prettily decorated last evening, when the pupils of Mrs. Douglas held their closing dance of the season. Finn's orchestra supplied the music. The first portion of the evening was allotted exclusively to the young people, but later on the ladies and gentlemen joined in the dancing and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. The skirt dance by eight young ladies, under the direction of Master Milton Douglas, was the feature of the evening.

### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Try new White Label Blue Ribbon Tea.

Opposition steamer "Rosale" sails for Seattle, daily, except Saturday, at 7.30 p. m.

The public library returns for April shows that 35 new members, 16 ladies and 19 gentlemen, were enrolled. There were issued from the library 1,971 books, 975 to ladies and 996 to gentlemen. The average number of volumes loaned daily for the month was 82; the highest number issued upon any one day was 149. The following were added to the shelves of the library: "Familiar History of Birds," by Dr. E. Stanley, and the "Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for October, 1899-1900."

### Startling

But nevertheless true. Our prices are the lowest, considering the quality. Don't forget us when you want your prescription filled. Quality first and always.

F. W. FAWCETT & CO.  
Chemists, 40 Government St.

Among the regimental orders issued to-day are the following: Until further orders the bugle band will parade at the drill hall at 8 o'clock p. m. every Monday for instruction and practice under the direction of Bandmaster J. M. Finn. It is notified that the officers' mess of all concerned that the officers' mess has offered a prize for competition among the company trumpeters and members of the bugle band. The conditions of the competition will be posted at once on the regimental notice board at the drill hall.

# Dr. Price's Baking Powder

## Cream

Superlative in strength and purity

Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food.

PRICE BAKING POWDER CO. CHICAGO.

Notes.--There are imitation baking powders sold cheap by many grocers. They are made from alum, a poisonous drug, which renders the food injurious to health.



# The Railway Returns

### Propositions Received by the Government Laid before the House Yesterday.

### Several Corporations Anxious to Build Coast-Kootenay on Modified Terms.

The long looked for returns by the government of the correspondence on the railway question were laid before the House last night after the Finance Minister had moved the second reading of the loan bill. Mr. Gilmour complained of the fact that the returns had not been brought down before the second reading of the bill, and the desired documents were thereupon distributed.

The returns in full are as follows: The government of the province of British Columbia is prepared to consider proposals for the construction of a Coast-Boundary railway, such proposals to be addressed and handed to the Hon. W. C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, at his office, on or before the 15th day of April next. The parties submitting such proposals to state the security they will be prepared to give to ensure the commencement and completion of the undertaking. The applicants must furnish with their proposals the course of the proposed line of railway, and plans approximately defining the same. The terms and conditions to be had on application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

J. D. PRENTICE, Provincial Secretary.

### Terms and Conditions of Proposed Coast-Boundary Railway.

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may enter into all agreements with any person or company undertaking the construction of any railway upon the following conditions:

That the subsidy shall not be payable until the railway is completed and in running order to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and security to the like satisfaction has been given for the continuous maintenance and operation of the railway.

That four per cent. per annum of the gross earnings of the railway shall be paid to the province, and such sum of four per cent. shall be a first charge upon the earnings.

That the railway obtaining the benefit of any subsidy shall be constructed, wholly and as a continuous line within the province.

That the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall have absolute control of the freight and passenger rates to be charged by the railway.

That in the event of a charter being granted by the Dominion government for a line of railway over or parallel to the route proposed by this act, the foregoing conditions of this section shall be assumed to be carried out by the company as incorporated, and the conditions and obligations of the said company prior to any other charge thereon.

That a suitable steam ferry for the transportation of cars for freight and passengers shall be operated daily between the mainland and Vancouver Island at the most convenient point to connect with the city of Victoria; and that a proper railway connection shall be made with the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster.

That the plans, specifications, and conditions of any proposed contract for the construction of the railway shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council; and that the contracts shall be submitted to public tender and competition, under such conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall approve; and no contract shall be awarded, or work or materials thereunder accepted, without the like approval.

That no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed during the construction of the railway.

That no aliens shall be employed during construction, unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council that the work cannot be proceeded with without the employment of such aliens.

2 Broughton street, Victoria, B. C., April 15, 1901.

Re Coast to Kootenay Railway.

Sir,—Our clients have not submitted a tender in response to the public advertisement issued by the government in this matter. The reason is, that the conditions under which the tender was required were, in the opinion of our clients, of a nature such as to preclude them from accepting the bonus, if the terms mentioned in the specifications were to be adhered to by the government. We, however, wish you to understand that we are still prepared to discuss the question with the government, and as we stated in our letter to the Provincial Secretary, dated the 15th day of March, 1901, hope that we may be able to arrive at an understanding and agree upon conditions which, while they would not be oppressive to our company, are sufficient to protect the public interests.

As there has been some public comment respecting the constitution of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company, we beg to inform you, authoritatively, that that company is now organized permanently, that the plans of the road have been accepted and filed in the railway department at Ottawa, under the charter which we now have from the Dominion parliament, and have also been filed in the proper land registry offices in the province; that a million dollars of the capital stock of the company have been issued, and that it is

all held by Mackenzie & Mann and the Great Northern Railway company, and that the latter company—by virtue of their interest in the road—have the control of the stock and a majority of the permanent directors; that the railway will be financed by the Great Northern company, and will, when constructed, be operated as a part of their trans-continental system.

We are further prepared to give any reasonable assurance which the government may require that the undertaking will always be conducted as a competing line with the Canadian Pacific system. We have, etc.

(Signed) **BODWELL & DUFF,** Solicitors for the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company.

To the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C.

21 Bastion street, Victoria, B. C., April 15, 1901.

To the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C.

Sir,—We have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposal in pursuance of the invitation on that behalf appearing in the Official Gazette, re the construction of a railway from the coast to Kootenay.

Our clients have applied to this legislature for a charter over the route in question, under the name of The Coast-Kootenay railway, and the company will be prepared, upon incorporation, to assume the terms of the proposal outlined in this letter. The proposal is that we will undertake the construction of the line in question over the route appearing in the tracing herewith enclosed, upon the conditions on file in your office, and advertised in the local press, over the name of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary. Of course, this upon the assumption that the Dominion government attaches its proposed bonus of \$8,000 a mile to this company, without a further requirement of any additional percentage out of earnings of the company, or other terms onerous for the company to assume. We understand that the four per cent. will be in lieu of all taxes, charges, or other imposts by the government of British Columbia upon the company. The company would also expect that the government would assent to a term that the total amount to be paid to the government in any one year should not exceed a sum equal to four per cent. upon the aggregate of money actually advanced by the government to the company by way of bonus, and that the company should be at liberty at any time to pay the total amount advanced by the government, and thereafter be absolved from further payment to the government.

We may add that our clients are willing to enter into any reasonable agreement with the company now having subsidy from the city of Victoria, for the construction and operation of a railway ferry, whereby such proposed system could be utilized in connection with the railway.

An arrangement of the nature last mentioned would save the company considerable expense, thereby enabling it to assume conditions more favorable to the government.

The company would be prepared to give guarantees satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and to assume all obligations assumed by it, in the event of the government entering into an agreement with the company. We have, etc.

(Signed) **HUNTER & OLIVER,**

Victoria, B. C., 10th April, 1901.

To the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C.

Sir,—In the matter of the proposed road direct line from the coast to Kootenay, I am authorized to advise you that the Canadian Pacific railway will undertake and will construct a line from Chilliwack to Abbotsford, or from some point in that vicinity, this year, and will continue westward as soon as the proposed railway bridge at New Westminster is constructed. This portion of the line is to be entirely without subsidy. The construction of the line westward from Okanagan to connection with the through line, will also be proceeded with, with all reasonable dispatch and as circumstances may admit. This company would ask a subsidy, only for what may be termed the mountainous sections of the proposed line, say Penticton, or some point in that neighborhood, and the eastern terminus of the western section also referred to, and the line until the entire line has been completed and in operation. Pending its completion the company would be pleased to confer with a representative of the government upon the question of rates, with a view of minimizing the disadvantage, if any, under which the coast cities may now be placed by reason of the long distance, via the company's main line, as compared with the distance via the proposed Kootenay line to and from points that would be served by the latter line. I have, etc.

(Signed) **GEO. M'L. BROWN,** Executive Agent, C. P. R.

2 Broughton street, Victoria, B. C., April 20, 1901.

Re Coast-Kootenay Railway.

Sir,—We have not yet received any answer to our letter to you of the 15th instant. We have, however, been in communication with our clients, and in order to facilitate negotiations we have the honor to inform you that, if the subsidy of \$4,000 a mile is appropriated to our company we are prepared to commence construction on both ends of the railway this present year, and to push forward the completion as rapidly as circumstances will permit. We are also authorized to submit for your consideration the following:

The subsidy to be payable in instalments as each twenty-mile section of the road is completed.

The company to return to the government two per cent. of the gross earnings of the road for a period of time to be named, or until a certain proportion of the cash bonus (to be agreed upon) is by that means returned to the country.

Provided that the charge upon the undertaking to secure this repayment shall not take precedence of such mortgage bonds as are necessary to cover the fair cost of construction; and provided also, that if two per cent. is returned, the company shall be exempt from taxation,

municipal and otherwise, for a limited number of years, to be agreed upon.

We shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

We have, etc.

(Signed) **BODWELL & DUFF,** Solicitors for the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company.

To the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C.

2 Broughton Street, Victoria, B. C., April 30th, 1901.

Re Coast-Kootenay Road.

Sir,—Referring to our former letter to you of the 20th of April, we have the honor to inform you that Mr. Sutherland has just arrived in Victoria, after conferring with Mr. J. J. Hill at St. Paul, and with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann at Toronto, and we are accordingly authorized to state that if the provincial subsidy is appropriated to our undertaking and the contract settled immediately, we are prepared to commence the work at once, and to complete at least thirty miles on the western end and a similar mileage on the eastern end of the road during the present season, whether the Dominion subsidy is granted to us or not. This is probably as large a mileage as could be conveniently arranged for during the present year, even if both subsidies were now in hand, and the fact that we are ready to begin work at both ends and prosecute a substantial amount of construction immediately should be sufficient to convince you that, if the requisite amount of public aid is granted, our company are prepared to push the whole line through at the earliest possible moment.

The reason why we are able to make this offer at present is that in the first place, the money for construction is already provided by the company, and no time will be lost in making the local arrangements; secondly, our line is definitely located at the eastern end, and our surveyors are ready to do the same in the Fraser River valley; our contractors and sub-contractors are now ready to take up the work, and we could at once put them in operation. If, however, the consideration of this question is delayed, matters will assume a different shape. There are very large undertakings in Manitoba and other places which will probably be carried on during the present year under the direction of Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann. The season for that kind of work is just closing, and we are not able to arrange with your government for immediate construction in British Columbia, all the constructing force and the labor which would be employed here will be engaged upon other works in more distant parts, and we will be unable to accomplish any substantial amount of construction work on the V. V. & E. line, even if the bonus should be awarded to us at a later date.

Our representatives are now on the spot; we are ready to do business with the government immediately, and with deference we submit the proposition for construction of the road should be either accepted or rejected prior to the close of the present session of the Legislature. We have, etc.

(Signed) **BODWELL & DUFF,** Solicitors for the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company.

To the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., May 1st, 1901.

To the Hon. James Dunsuir, Premier, and Members of the Executive Council.

Gentlemen:—The deputation which received such courteous attention at the hands of your honorable government yesterday, when you were kind enough to give attention to the representations concerning the subsidy for the Midway and Vernon railway, desire to express their appreciation of your kindness, and venture to again press upon your notice the great necessity which exists for the passage of such a measure as will ensure the immediate construction of this very important line.

We are desirous of again impressing upon your notice the fact that once a line of business is established in these mining towns with the farmers of Washington, it will be a slow process, and a matter of great difficulty to redeem the business for the producers of the Okanagan district; and the danger of such connection being secured by the Americans is imminent. The other considerations which enable us to approach you with confidence is our request for a guarantee of the interest upon the bonds of this road are still fresh in your memory, and need not be referred to; but the urgency of the case, and the short time at our disposal impel us to again, respectfully address you upon the above point.

The more consideration given to this subject the more apparent does it become that instead of the government being in any way hampered or embarrassed by such an arrangement, the returns from the line itself, taken in connection with the large increase of revenue from additional taxation and other sources, will speedily pay the whole project upon more than a paying basis; and will almost immediately relieve the government from any loss at present sustained from financial obligations with the Shuswap & Okanagan road.

It may be added that in addition to the great importance of this line to the large mining districts of the West Fork of Kettle river, its construction, and the consequent saving in freight rates, would save to the farmers and shippers of the Okanagan district a sum, based upon present shipments, approximating to some \$80,000 per annum; this, of course, being due to the distance over the Midway and Vernon being much less than half the distance now obtaining, and three transfers being also avoided, involving a saving of time of twenty-four hours in passenger traffic, and perhaps forty-eight hours in freight shipments.

No other projected line will touch the mining section of Kettle river aforementioned, and in addition to this a large area of agricultural land will also be opened up for settlement, and from this will accrue a considerable addition to the provincial revenue.

We are, therefore, desirous of impressing upon you with the great importance of the line in question, based on these considerations:

1. Because it brings into direct connection two of the richest sections of the province which, though contiguous, have

heretofore, for lack of adequate communication, been widely separated—one a magnificently rich agricultural district, capable of producing all that is necessary to supply the interior markets in agricultural produce; and the other having wonderful promise of mineral development, and an industrial population greater than that of any other part of the province.

2. Because for the present it forms the quickest and most practicable means of giving direct communication between the coast cities and the interior mining towns.

3. Because it affords the key to the railway situation, inasmuch as, by the event of any line of railway being built between the coast and Kootenay by way of Hope Mountain or Spence's Bridges, it affords an alternative and competitive route.

4. It diverts from American channels and conspires to British Columbia farmers, the market in agricultural produce.

5. Because, owing to the potential character of the district through which it will run, and the fact that a large trade already exists, it affords an outlet for all the railways proposed to be assisted by the government it gives the greatest present promise of substantial returns to the province for assistance extended. We have, etc.

(Signed) **CHARLES WILSON,** (On behalf of promoters), G. A. HENDERSON, (Representing Okanagan Board of Trade), W. R. MEGAW, Mayor, Vernon.

Re Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company.

Some legal questions having arisen as to the status of the company's charter, it may be useful to submit the following:

1. The V. V. & E. company was incorporated in the first place by a local act, chapter 75 of the statutes of 1897. That act created the incorporators into a body politic and corporate; it fixed no time as the limit of the life of the corporation. The work of building the railway under the act was divided into four sections, and the time for completing the work was apportioned among the different sections in the following order:

The first section to be completed within two years; the second section, within three years; and the third and fourth sections, within four years.

The act was assented to on the 8th day of May, 1897, so that as to the building of the third and fourth sections the time does not expire until the 8th of May, 1901.

The situation, however, would be this: Suppose the time for the completion of the railway to have expired, the corporation would not necessarily be dissolved; it would still exist as a person, but its power to build the railway would be gone if it had nothing to depend upon except the local statute. While, however, it was in existence, and with none of its powers impaired, an act of the Dominion parliament was passed, being Chapter 69 of the Dominion Acts of 1898. By section 1 of that act the works which the company, by the local act, was empowered to operate, were declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and by section 4 the company was authorized to begin the railway within two years, and to complete it within five years, from the date of the passing of the act, which is the 13th of June, 1898, and the company was brought under the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act.

There can be no doubt that the parliament of Canada had jurisdiction to declare this work for the general advantage of Canada, and there can also be no doubt of the proposition that, having declared it to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, the company which was authorized to construct the work came under the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act, and became thereby a Dominion company; so that parliament could, beyond all question, extend the time or do any other act which was necessary for the proper completion of the work in accordance with the general policy of the Dominion. To argue any other proposition would be to curtail and diminish the powers which the British North America Act has given to the Dominion over works declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

2. The Dominion government has acted in accordance with the statute. The work was begun within the two years mentioned in the statute, and surveys and works of construction have been carried on which have been accepted by the Department of Railways in Ottawa as a compliance with the act. The same department has accepted and approved of the plans which the company has prepared, and they are now practically certified and filed at Ottawa, and in the proper land registry offices in the province.

3. Supposing the local charter should wish to keep the local charter alive, that could be done by an act extending the time. This has been done in the Columbia & Western charter, and in several other charters with Dominion roads. The Columbia & Western Railway Company, which is a company now operating in British Columbia, was by chapter 61 of the Dominion Statutes of 1898, re-incorporated in exactly the same words as the V. V. & E. company, yet no one doubts that it is a properly organized corporation and is carrying on its works lawfully in this province. During the present session of the House an act has been passed, extending the time for that company to complete a portion of its works.

4. It is also suggested that the local House cannot prevent the amalgamation of the V. V. & E. with the Canadian Pacific. The promoters have offered to permit the insertion of a clause preventing such amalgamation in any subsidy act which may be passed.

Apart altogether from the wording of the different acts, it is perfectly clear that if such a provision were inserted in the subsidy act, the company were to accept the subsidy, the courts would have power to prevent the amalgamation with the C. P. R.

It would not, however, be necessary to resort to the courts. The amalgamation section in the V. V. & E. Act provides that the company may lease or sell its works or any part thereof to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, on such terms and conditions and for such period as is agreed upon between the directors of such companies, provided that the lease or sale be sanctioned by the consent in writing of every shareholder of

the company and by the Governor-in-Council, or, failing such consent, by two-thirds of the votes of the shareholders at a special meeting called for that purpose, and by the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

If the V. V. & E. company should accept the bonus from the province on the condition that they were not to amalgamate, or lease, or sell to the C. P. R., and in violation of that agreement should make a sale or lease, or enter into an amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific, then it would only be necessary to represent such fact to the Governor-in-Council to prevent his approval, and without such approval the lease or sale, or attempted amalgamation would be absolutely void.

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# NOTICE

### RESERVATION OF WATER.

Notice is hereby given that all the unreserved water, excepting the water situated within a belt lying between the 40th and 50th parallels of North latitude, and extending for a distance of one hundred (100) miles from the sea coast, is hereby reserved for the purpose of making provision for supplying power for operating pulp mills, or for other industrial purposes.

The water so reserved may be acquired from the Crown under authority of the "Water Reservations Act" by any specially incorporated company for use for the purposes above mentioned, upon such company showing to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council that it is financially and in other respects in a position to establish and carry on the operation of an industrial enterprise of a beneficial nature, and subject to such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may direct.

A record of the reservation of water hereby provided for shall be made by each Commissioner of Lands and Works, whose District is affected thereby, such record and reservation to be subject to the provisions of section 21 of the "Water Reservations Act."

W. C. WELLS, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 23rd April, 1901.

# CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

### OASIS DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the reservation placed on Crown lands situated in the Bennett Lake and Adin Lake Mining Divisions of Oasis District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette on May 13, 1900, is hereby cancelled.

W. C. WELLS, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 29th January, 1901.

# Victoria Water Works.

Attention is called to Sections 22 and 23 of The Waterworks Regulation By-Law, 1900, No. 345, which reads as follows: No person shall sprinkle or use in any manner whatsoever the water supplied by the city upon lawns, gardens, yards or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock in the morning, the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock in the evening, unless the water so used shall be supplied by meter. If water (except water supplied by meter) is used for watering lawns or gardens at other than the permitted hours, there shall be charged against the person so using such water the sum of fifty cents additional for each infraction, but this provision shall in no way prejudice any proceedings for enforcing the penalties attaching to any infraction of this By-Law.

J. H. HAYMUR, Water Commissioner, City Hall, 2nd May, 1901.

# EXAMINATION.

An examination of candidates for registration under the Medical Act will be held at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Tuesday, May 7th, at 10 o'clock in the morning. The Registrar will attend at Board of Health Rooms, Parliament Buildings, on Monday, May 6th, from 10 to 5 p.m., to receive names and examine diplomas.

For further particulars apply to: DR. J. H. HAYMUR, Registrar, Victoria. Or to DR. W. J. MURPHY, Vice-President, Vancouver.

# NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

The partnership heretofore existing between John Barratt and Frank Turner, trading under the name, style and firm of Barratt & Turner, hotel keepers and landlords, with the Honorable Yukon Territory, is dissolved from this date by mutual consent. All debts due to the said firm will be paid by John Barratt, and all debts due to the said firm, and who will discharge all liabilities. Dated at White Horse, in the Yukon Territory, this 15th day of April, 1901.

J. BARRATT, FRANK TURNER, Witnesses, F. W. Jackson.

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN PROBATE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS VIGLIUSI, DECEASED.

Louis Vigliusi, of 105 Government street, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, hereby gives notice that he will, on or about the month of July, 1901, in the presence of his solicitor, Mr. H. B. Jackson, of the firm of Messrs. Jackson & Holmbeck, and a clerk of the said firm, by his will the testator devised and bequeathed all his real and personal estate to his wife, Maria Vigliusi, absolutely, and appointed her sole executrix. He died on the 15th day of December, 1900. He was domiciled in California, U. S. A. The said will was delivered after his execution to the testator a few days before his death, and it is believed to have been lost or destroyed during his lifetime, without his consent, or lost or destroyed after his death.

Whoever will bring the original will, or give such information as may lead to its discovery or how it has been lost or destroyed, to Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Holmbeck, solicitors of Bastion street, Victoria, or to the undersigned, will be rewarded. Dated the 17th April, 1901.

S. PERRY MILLS, 51 Langley street, Victoria, one of the Solicitors for Maria Vigliusi.

# NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, George B. Harrison, of the City of Victoria, intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners as a Licensing Agent, for transfer of the license held by me to sell wines and liquors by retail on the premises known as Rock Hay Hotel, corner of Bridge and Work streets, Victoria, to Robert Williams, Work streets, Victoria. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 20th day of April, 1901.

GEO. B. HARRISON.

# NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Beaufort & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded north by the southern boundary of Omineca District, on the north by the Straits of Georgia, on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD B. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

(Continued from Page 3.)

By Mr. Murphy, on Monday next: "That an order of this House be granted for a return of all correspondence, papers and documents referring in any way to the calling for tenders and sale of the plank bridge recently removed from the Thompson bridge at Ashcroft."

On Friday next the Hon. Mr. Eberts to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act."

THIS MORNING'S SESSION.

The House resumed business this morning at 10.45, prayers being read by Rev. Mr. Sweet.

Indians Near Vancouver. Mr. Garden moved the following resolution: "That a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to lay before the Dominion government the advisability of arranging with the Indian department for the removal of the Indians on the Indian reserve at the mouth of False Creek, within the corporate limits of the city of Vancouver, to a more desirable locality, on fair and equitable terms to the few Indians interested in the reserve."

He said that a reserve of about 85 acres existed in close proximity to Vancouver city. It was not in the interests of the Indians that they should be located near a large city, as the evils from intoxicating liquor was against it. The motion was carried.

C. P. R. Lands.

Mr. E. C. Smith in moving "That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence, papers, documents and telegrams relating to the reservation and assessment of C. P. R. lands in Southeast Kootenay," said that he believed in giving capital every privilege. He would treat corporations as individuals. By the labor of the people the lands of Southeast Kootenay had been raised in valuation, and an increase in taxation followed. The loss to the government through those C. P. R. lands being exempt, he estimated to be at least \$10,000, independent of lands set apart for townships. These lands were described now as first class farming land.

Mr. Oliver, speaking to the resolution, said that he did so because there appeared to be a scandal in connection with this matter. The assessor, it was said, was ordered to value the lands at \$1 per acre, whereas it was held to be worth at least \$2.50 per acre. Smith Curtis said that there existed scandals in connection with the valuation of lands in Southeast Kootenay. The C. P. R. were reported to have special privileges in that district. He would like to see the wild land tax increased, so as to take it out of the hands of speculators who held these lands at high prices to the detriment of colonization.

Supreme Court Act.

In the adjourned debate on Mr. Houston's amendment to the Supreme Court Act, by which a sitting of the Appellate court should be held at Nelson instead of Vancouver, the Hon. the Minister of Mines said it was a matter of expediency which prompted him to support two years ago the institution of an Appellate court at Vancouver. He did not think that there were sufficient reasons for establishing such in the city of Nelson. It has not been shown that the sitting of such at Vancouver had interfered with the administration of justice in the province. He did not believe in the decentralization of the court.

Mr. Hawthorthwhite introduced an amendment to the amendment to the effect that a sitting of the court be held at Nelson in addition to those at Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. McPhillips, speaking to it, was opposed to decentralization. The library at Nelson was not sufficient to warrant each. It was not a customary practice to have scattered sittings of the Court of Appeal.

Mr. Green said that while he was not in favor of decentralization of the Appellate court, yet if decentralization was to take place, the sittings should go to those places where the business arose. It was said that 41 per cent of the business came from the Kootenay. The bar should not alone be consulted, but the litigations also should be consulted. Hon. Mr. Eberts pointed out that the institution of a court at Nelson would involve the presence of all the judges there at certain seasons. Personally, he strongly opposed decentralization, because to have a strong Appellate court the province must have the judges gathered where they could consult an ample library. The funds of the Law Society were devoted to the purchase of libraries in the upper country as well as for other points. There was in Victoria a large library which had cost perhaps \$35,000. He took issue entirely with carrying the Appellate court to other points other than the capital. The Appellate court of Washington state sat at Olympia, although the state had large cities such as Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. Neither did they find a claim in London, Fort William, Hamilton, Ottawa, etc. to have

the Ontario Appellate court held there. To have a strong court it must be centralized. Both amendments were defeated. Hon. Mr. Eberts offered an amendment providing for a special sitting of the Appellate court in Vancouver on the 1st and 2nd of June in June in place of the two sittings in March and May, which have been cancelled. Another attempt was made by Messrs. Curtis and Houston, but without success. The motion of the Attorney-General was adopted.

Capt. Tatlow moved his resolution providing that one of the Supreme court judges reside and discharge his duties at Vancouver or within five miles of that city. The principle was supported by the board of trade, city council and bar of that city, the geographical position of which warranted the step.

Mr. Garden supported the resolution. Hon. Mr. Eberts renewed his objection to the amendment. One of the judges of the Supreme court was in Vancouver every day in the week, while the chief justice lived near there at New Westminister, while a new county court judge would shortly be appointed there.

The amendment was lost, and the report as amended was adopted.

Land Registry.

The Land Registry Bill was committed with Mr. Oliver in the chair. It was reported complete.

The Railway Return.

Mr. Houston asked how a legal opinion on the rights of the V. Y. & E. had got into the return of correspondence on the railway matter undated and unsigned.

The Chief Commissioner replied that he presumed it was included in some of the correspondence, and he would investigate and answer the member for Nelson in the afternoon.

The Bill of Sale Bill.

The Bill of Sale Bill was committed with Mr. Green in the chair. Sec. 2 was struck out on motion of Mr. Murphy. The bill was reported complete as amended, and the report adopted.

Notes.

By an error in the report of the proceedings of the House a day or two ago, the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works was made to say "Yes," instead of "No," in reply to a question regarding the free land pre-emption.

The bill amending the Constitution Act which Mr. Curtis was to have introduced yesterday, but which was ruled out of order by the Speaker, contains the two following provisions for further securing the independence of the legislature:

1. By debarring a member of the House, who is a director, trustee, shareholder, officer, servant or agent of a railway company from voting in the assembly for any contract with such railway company.

2. By making any of the ministers ineligible to continue as a member of the cabinet upon any railway company of which he is a director, trustee, shareholder, officer or agent, or to himself becoming an applicant to the province for aid by way of loan, bonus or land grant.

Another government caucus will be held on Monday.

A bill was submitted last evening by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner which is intended to safeguard the city in its acquisition of the James Bay flats. The bill provides as follows:

It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon such terms and conditions as he shall see fit, to grant to the corporation of the city of Victoria:

(a) All the estate, right, title and interest of His Majesty the King, in right of the province of British Columbia, in the foreshore of James Bay, in the harbor of Victoria, and in the land abutting thereon, and now from time to time covered by the waters of the said bay, and the land from the extreme end of the said bay and on the shores of the said bay now covered by mud and refuse, heretofore known as the mud flats in James Bay, Victoria harbor (save and except such portion thereof, if any, as is within the provisions of the Statute of British Columbia, Chapter 83 of 1900, and all of which land is shown and colored pink on the map signed by the Honorable William Cleveland Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, and by Charles Hayward, mayor of the said city of Victoria, and filed in the department of lands and works on the 24th day of May, 1901.

The said grant may be by one or more grants and may be of the whole of the said land referred to in the previous section or of such portion thereof as to the Lieutenant-Governor may seem just.

This grant is taken upon the advice of the Attorney-General, and was thought of as a means of avoiding any complications which might afterwards arise should proprietary rights to certain sections of the property be found to be vested in the private individuals.

The property mentioned in the bill is all the land on the east of the present bridge, say 105 acres, and a strip of 80 feet wide, being the site of the present bridge, and 40 feet westward. This is intended as a site for the new bridge and necessary abutments, and to bring it into line with Government street.

Mr. Oliver will move on Monday:

Whereas advertisements asking for proposals for the construction of a Coast-Boundary railway have been published; And whereas a bill is now before this House authorizing the payment of a subsidy of \$4,000 per mile to assist in the construction of said Coast-Boundary railway; And whereas several proposals have been submitted to the government offering to construct the construction of said Coast-Boundary road;

CANADIAN NEWS.

Bitten By Rattlesnake—County Jail Destroyed—Farmer Killed By Train.

(Associated Press.) Windsor, Ont., May 3.—Mrs. L. Grondin, who lived on Story Island, near Amherstburg, was bitten by a large rattlesnake last Tuesday, and has since died. The snake, which was killed, was one of the largest seen in the neighborhood for many years, and possessed fine rattles.

Sydney, May 3.—A row between Indians and Italians yesterday resulted in Newell Benjamin, leader of the Indians, being stabbed with a dagger in the back, and he is now in a precarious condition. Several others were also slightly injured.

Woodstock, N. B., May 3.—Fire destroyed the county jail at Upper Woodstock yesterday. Jailer Jones lost a large sum of money, mortgages, bonds and all his furniture. The prisoners were removed from the cells when the fire first broke out.

Delt, Ont., May 3.—Ed. Stricker, farmer, 40 years old, was struck and killed by the Wabash express while walking on the track here yesterday.

Owen Sound, Ont., May 3.—The first boat of the C. P. R. lake fleet, the steamer Achabasca, left here for Port Arthur yesterday.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 3.—Archibald McLeod was arrested at Rose Valley this morning and brought here on a charge of the murder of Mrs. McLeod, his mother, a few days ago.

IN FIRE FIEND'S GRIP.

Several Business Blocks in Jacksonville Have Been Destroyed and Flames Are Spreading.

(Associated Press.) Jacksonville, Fla., May 3.—Several blocks of buildings in the business portion of the city have been destroyed by a fire which has been raging for two hours. The flames have spread to the residence portion. Over one hundred houses are believed to have been burned. Citizens are tearing down buildings whenever possible to prevent the spread of the flames. All neighboring cities have been wired to send help. A gale is blowing. The fire already covers an area of nearly eleven blocks.

Still Spreading.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 3.—3.15 p. m.—The fire is rapidly eating its way toward the heart of the downtown business district. The Windsor hotel, one of the largest in the city, is now in imminent danger. Among the manufacturing plants destroyed is that of the Cleveland Fibre Co. No loss of life has been reported.

TO CARRY FREIGHT.

New Line to Enter the London-Philadelphia Shipping Trade. (Associated Press.) New York, May 3.—A special from Philadelphia to the Tribune says: "John F. Lewis, vice-president of the Merchants' Trust company, and one of the corporators of the Philadelphia Trans-Atlantic Steamship company, has just filed articles at Trenton, N. J., with an allowed capitalization of \$2,500,000, said last night of the project. The company had not been organized in the interest of any syndicate or combination. It is the intention of the company to build its own as well as charter steamers, primarily for the freight business. They will run between this city and London, and while freight is the main object, it is probable that on some of the ships accommodation will be made for passengers."

"Mr. Lewis declined to go into details or answer the question whether this was not part of the Morgan scheme which had been assigned to the Philadelphia & Reading company to work out."

RESOURCES OF MEXICO.

Millions of Money to Develop Silver, Iron and Coal Mines and the Cattle Industry. (Associated Press.) Chicago, May 3.—The Tribune says: "Chicago capitalists and millions of Chicago money are to develop the resources of Mexico until the southern republic becomes one of the important factors in the world's trade."

Silver mines supplying two-thirds of the silver of the world, coal fields, hundreds of miles in extent, great reaches of iron and other ore lands, thousands of acres of cotton seed and the great grazing lands dotted with the cattle, are to be made the objects of the impulse of Chicago money. Bonded warehouses, heretofore unknown in the republic, are to be located at the City of Mexico and Vera Cruz. The concession, under which they are to be created, grants the rights for forty years, and from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 of Chicago capital will be placed in this enterprise."

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

(Associated Press.) New York, May 3.—Albert T. Patrick, David L. Short and Morris Meyers were arraigned before Recorder Goff to-day to plead to indictments for forgery, and Patrick to an indictment for the murder of the late Texas millionaire, William Marsh Rice. The defendants pleaded not guilty, joining the argument of denunciations against the indictments. The denunciations will be argued next week.

Robt. M. Moore, counsel for the defendants, then made a motion to dismiss the forgery indictments. The indictments stated that the crime was committed in September, 1901, a date which has not yet arrived, and this made the papers faulty.

Assistant District Attorney Cavanah said that the grand jury had remedied that defect yesterday by filing superseding indictments in all four instances. The recorder thereupon refused to dismiss the indictments.

TO MEMORY OF ENGBERG.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, May 3.—The building in Chicago of a \$100,000 temple to the memory of Robt. C. Engberg, in which his deeds shall be perpetuated, is the purpose of the Engberg Memorial Association, incorporated at Springfield to-day.

PRESENTED ADDRESSES.

Deputations, Including Catholics, Jews and Presbyterians, Waited on King Edward To-day.

(Associated Press.) London, May 3.—The last batch of addresses of condolence at the death of Queen Victoria and congratulation on his accession to the throne was presented to King Edward this afternoon at St. James palace with the customary ceremonial. To-day's deputations included Catholics, Jews and Presbyterians. The King's replies were practically identical. He promised to promote unremittently the enjoyment and blessing of religious liberty, tolerance, peace and goodwill among all classes and religions.

WALL STREET.

(Associated Press.) New York, May 3.—London has made considerable inroads this morning in some of yesterday's high prices of the American stocks, and the effect was manifested here at the opening in some sharp declines, but this was offset by the great buoyancy shown by Atchison, St. Paul, Baltimore & Ohio and a few other stocks. Atchison sold at the opening at 88 1/2 to 90, compared with 87 last night. St. Paul mounted quickly by jumps of half a point between sales 4 points over last night. In Baltimore & Ohio the opening was 114 to 114 1/2, compared with 109 1/2 last night. Union Pacific closed down from 128 1/2 to 127, and U. S. Steel from 114 1/2 to 114. The market was 3/4 for the common, the losses elsewhere in the list ranged from a small fraction to a point.

The stock market opened irregular. Amal. Copper, 12 1/2; Atch. pfd., 100 1/2; B. & O. 108 1/2; B. & O. 114 1/2; B. R. T. 85 1/2; Erie, 40 1/2; L. & N. 105 1/2; Man. 127 1/2; Mo. Pac. 100; Ontario & West. 37 1/2; P. 114 1/2; R. I. 102 1/2; Reading, 43 1/2; do. 1st pfd., 78 1/2; do. 2nd pfd., 50 1/2; St. Paul, 175 1/2; Sugar, 140; Southern, 32 1/2; Sou. Pac. 44 1/2; U. S. G. & T. 1, 50 1/2; Tobacco, 127 1/2; U. S. 1, 128 1/2 to 127 1/2; U. S. Steel, 114 1/2; do. pfd., 104 1/2; C. & O., 102 1/2 to 102 1/2.

TREE-CLIMBING CRAZE.

Interesting Facts Related by Sir John Murray. Sir John Murray has just returned to England from a six months' expedition to Christmas Island—a lonely islet situated in the Indian ocean, 220 miles from the nearest land, and some twelve miles long by seven broad. It is covered with dense forest, having an area of nearly fifty miles, and the sea depth around its shores is between three and four miles.

Sir John, interviewed by a Reuter's reporter, said that when he was there there were thirteen white men, including a doctor, chemist, and engineer, living on the island with their families, together with 720 Indian coolies, engaged in working the rich phosphate deposits.

The animals and plants on the island are of extreme interest. The whole place is overrun with curious red crabs, as many as 15 in a cross. They are excellent tree-climbers, and once a year there is a regular migration of these crustaceans, who travel in bodies like ants, taking fifteen days on the journey, and returning inland after hatching their eggs.

There are only five mammals on the island, including two species of rat not known elsewhere. On the island are also to be found a toothless snake, and a blind snake which is a very curious creature.

The climate is perfect, like a hot British island, and prior to the British annexation no human being is supposed to have lived on the island.

PALACE GARS TO SIBERIA.

We read of a train de luxe which leaves Moscow weekly, furnished with sleeping, restaurant, library, and bath cars, and on the Siberian section with additional church and gymnasium cars. A commodious and luxurious train service is being organized, and is frequently cited as a model for other countries.

Enterprising speculators quickly perceive points of vantage for the erection of hotels and provision stores. Given a country with an interesting topography and a good climate, the most profitable investment is an unsophisticated, primitive tourist resort. But Siberia is not such a country, and appears to us too far out of the beaten track for such contingencies. Inquisitive millionaires and wealthy globe trotters may undertake the journey, but we may safely assert that the majority of tourists will look askance at the prospect of some twenty days' jolting at fifteen miles an hour through monotonous steppes and dense forests in order to reach their destination in the Far East, and will prefer the more pleasurable and health-giving experience of a sea voyage in a trustworthy P. & O. steamer, albeit the voyage may take a week or ten days longer.

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In a recent article in the Financ-Chronicle, Mr. C. A. Moresing, the well known mining engineer, writes: "I have just returned from Pekin by the Siberian route. I left Shanghai for London on May 12th, and travelled by steamer to Vladivostok, and from there to Moscow via the Amoor river and the Siberian railway. The journey from Shanghai to London by this route occupied fifty-one days. Baron von Goltz, the first secretary of the German legation at Pekin, accompanied our party. The journey through Siberia was slow, monotonous and uncomfortable to the last degree. We found the Siberian railway in a very bad state, badly constructed with very heavy gradients, sharp curves, light rails, and generally in an inefficient condition. In fact, in its present state the Siberian route as a means of communication is quite impracticable. It will be a precarious and unprofitable journey for many years to come."—The Monthly Review.

BIRTHS.

ALTHEA—At Nelson, on April 27th, the wife of E. J. Althea, of a son.

MARRIED.

MENZIES-BRETT—At New Westminster, on April 28th, by Rev. J. W. Jones, John A. Menzies and Miss Mary A. Brett.

ADAMSON-O'BRIEN.

At Vancouver, on May 1st, Robert Adamson and Miss E. O'Brien.

DIED.

GRIFFITHSON—At the family residence, No. 127 Oswego street, on the 2nd inst., John Griffithson, aged 33 years, a native of Hamiltonshire, Scotland.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, the 4th inst., from above residence; service commencing at 2 p. m.

Friends will please accept the following:

PARR—At the family residence, No. 21 First street, on the 2nd inst., 1894, Jesse Parr, aged 23 years, and Sarah Parr, aged 21 years, and 8 months, a native of Wainipig, Man.

Notice of funeral later.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Joshua Holland, of number 218 Dallas road, in the city of Victoria, B. C., merchant, has, by deed dated the 2nd day of May, 1901, assigned all his real and personal property to Robert Colbourne Davis, of No. 238 Hastings street, in the city of Vancouver, B. C., manufacturer's agent, in trust, for the purpose of paying and satisfying ratably and proportionately and without preference or priority the creditors of the said Joshua Holland (deceased) and the said Robert Colbourne Davis (trustee) on the 3rd day of May, 1901, and the said trustee has undertaken the trusts created by the said deed. All persons having claims against the said Joshua Holland must forward and deliver to the said trustee at No. 238 Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C., full particulars of their claims, duly verified, on or before the 3rd day of June, 1901. All persons in debt to the said Joshua Holland are required to pay the amounts due by them to the said trustee forthwith. After the said 3rd day of June, 1901, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice. Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 3rd day of May, 1901.

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